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In re the Application of

Kiyoichi SUWA

Group Art Unit: 2818

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For: MASK, EXPOSURE METHOD, LINE WIDTH MEASURING METHOD, AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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Sir:

Applicant thanks Examiner Hoang for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the October 29, 2002 telephone interview. Applicant further appreciates Examiner Hoang agreeing to withdraw the finality of claims 2-4 and 12-14 in the September 16, 2002 Final Rejection as Examiner Hoang agreed that the Office Action should not have been made final. Accordingly, the finality of the Office Action has been withdrawn. Examiner Hoang stated that in the near future he would issue a new Non-Final Office Action. Applicant looks forward to receipt of the Non-Final Office Action with a new time period for response.

Should the Examiner desire to contact Applicant's representative, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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